

**Approved BOARD MINUTES April 14, 2016**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Manicki, Trustees Mezydlo, Daluisio and Warmus, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski Superintendent Sitzman, Attorney Trapp, Eugene Nuwer, Dick Kegler, Ryan Sheedy, Lori, Dale and Larissa Gramza, Linda Sollie and Amity Mann from UNYTS and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser.

**Absent:** Trustees Retzlaff

UNYTS (Upstate New York Transplant Services) asked to be put on the agenda to present an award to the Gramza family and the Alden Community for all their dedication to their organization. April is National Donate Life Month, so in recognition of raising over \$100,000, blood donations and raising awareness for UNYTS, the Gramza's were recognized for their efforts. The Gramza family accepted it on behalf of the community.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated March 24, 2016. Carried

Payroll	\$33,627.96
Abstract	\$193,362.40

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following reports for Feb: DPW addendum, for March: Fire Calls, Ethics Committee, DPW Addendum, CEO, DPW, Courts, Fire fuel, Erie County Sheriff and Treasurer. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo to leave the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing - Tentative Budget. 7:35 pm. Carried.

Mayor Manicki gave a synopsis of the tentative 2016-2017 budget:

**General Fund:** \$2,286,640 up \$323,000 from 2015-16.

Use of surplus \$692,285 up \$309,500 to balance the budget.

Tax levy \$884,085. No increase from last year (Tax cap.12%).

New full assessment \$187,982.095.

Tax rate \$4.70/\$1,000.

**Salaries:** 2% increase, no increase for elected officials.

**Projects:** Street repaving: Railroad, Irving, Austin, And Heisler

Drainage: Baxter

DPW building: Roof, heating, generator

Municipal building: truck bay floor, phones, HVAC controls

Sidewalks: repair funds increased to \$47,000

The village remains fiscally stable and we continue to maintain a healthy General Fund balance. However, the state tax cap represents a threat to that. At .12% we cannot promise that we can continue to provide all of the services we currently do. NYCOM continues to lobby our legislators to modify the cap or make it a true 2%.

**Refuse:** Rate remains \$192.40

**Water:** debt service costs. Another rate increase may be necessary.

**Sewer:** \$6.8 million dollar rehab. Project. Future rate increase will be determined by the amount of offsetting grants and low interest loans we get.

**Ambulance:** stable now but dependent on the number of transports. We will continue to assess its viability, but we need volunteers.

Dick Kegler – 1426 Mechanic St. – when you do the street repaving on Railroad are you going to do new curbing? Chunks are missing.

Mayor Manicki – due to financial restrictions, would rather do sidewalks than curbing.

Leonard Mioducki – 12915 Broadway. On Sunday evenings his water comes out smelling so much like chlorine, he cannot drink it. It is ongoing and only on Sunday evenings. It is like pool water. He will bring on a sample when it occurs.

Superintendent Sitzman – this is the first I have heard of it. Chlorine is fed into the system, but on a continuous basis. Have not had any other complaints.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to leave the Public Hearing and reenter into the regular meeting 7:43 pm.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Meeting minutes from: Town of Alden, Alden Chamber of Commerce and Association of Erie County Governments. In the Assoc. of E.C. minutes discusses newly formed public integrity unit as well as elder abuse and adult protection services. RE-leaf NY conference July14-16, listing from Assoc. of Erie County Governments concerning municipalities and the tax cap: 5 towns and 4 villages have exceeded the cap. RBC Wealth Management portfolio, meeting notices from: Association of Erie County Governments and Village Officials Association. Memos concerning Building Inspector's out of town coverage. Notice of sales tax distribution from Erie County Comptroller that the Village of Alden's share from Jan. – Mar. is \$88,789. Notice of benefit reimbursement charges from NYS Unemployment. Invitation to pipeline emergency response informative presentation. Newsletters from: Comptroller DiNapoli, J. O'Connell and Assoc. and American City and Country. Requests from Alden Lancaster Art Club and American Memorial Post 7967 and a NYCOM news release summarizing key aspects of the adopted 2016-2017 state budget.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:**

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for April 14

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the requests from the Alden Lancaster Art Club and the Alden Hook and Ladder Fire Company to erect 2 signs in Firemen's Bandstand Memorial Park from Sept. 2-11, and on the Village Hall digital sign to advertise the fall art show and chicken BBQ. Carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to declare the following as surplus from the DPW: Coleman Premium Plus Portable Generator. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mezydlo and seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the Fire/EMS calls for March 19 – April 1, 2016. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve Alden Memorial Post 7967 request to conduct the Buddy Poppy program in the Village of Alden on May 5-7, 2016 in several businesses in the village. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the following properties as exempt from the requirements of Chapter 203 of the Code of the Village of Alden, as it pertains to the storage of unlicensed vehicles on said properties. All of the following have submitted appropriate request letters accompanied by valid New York State Department of Motor Vehicles licenses for this type of activity.

Approval to expire March 31, 2017.

Impala Brothers, 13409 Broadway  
Orlando DiCenso Auto Sales, 13429 Broadway  
MW Equipment Sales, 13448 Broadway  
D & S Automotive, 13450 Broadway  
Miller & Son Collision, 13374 Broadway Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to authorize Village Clerk/Treasurer Terry Wachowiak, Superintendent of Public Works Keith Sitzman to execute any and all required documents for NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. in regards to financing and grant applications relate to the waste water improvement project.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Warmus – aye  
Trustee Mezydlo – aye  
Trustee Daluisio-aye  
Mayor Manicki – aye Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Warmus and seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adopt the 2016-2017 village budget at a tax rate of \$4.703026/per thousand.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Warmus – aye  
Trustee Mezydlo – aye  
Trustee Daluisio-aye  
Mayor Manicki – aye Carried.

#### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

Dick Kegler – questioned what is to become of the old Eastwood property, windows are broken, doors open, garage was used for illegal activity.

Attorney Trapp explained it is in court, as the county will be informed, as it is in tax foreclosure this year, and it is an out of town absentee owner.

Mayor Manicki – have to wait and see. Demolish or rehab. The problem it is on a main drag. All the Mayors talk about the facing the same situation.

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Superintendent Sitzman** – next meeting will have Engineer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project do a presentation on the project.

**Clerk Wachowiak** – will be doing re-levies at the end of the month. Preliminary audit 5/5, field work, gathering information including retirement for past 10 years, for village, courts and LOSAP as well. Thank you for reappointment.

**Attorney Trapp** – thank you for his reappointment.

**Mayor Manicki** – Association of Erie County Governments shows sales tax is starting to flatten out. Sat. April 23, F.D. recruitment day, need volunteers, especially first aid. The ambulance is viable at this time, but it is dependent on volunteers.

For four years, I have attempted to get the county highway dept. to take action to make repairs to Exchange St. and Crittenden Rd. On March 4, I wrote to Public Works Commissioner Loffredo. To date I have not had the courtesy of a reply. Through the efforts of Legislator Ted Morton I was able to find that once again, no repairs are scheduled for these streets this year. It was stated that the reason is, it is a very expensive project to repair Exchange St. from Broadway to the railroad tracks.

I am therefore urging you to call, write or email County Executive Poloncarz and tell him you want these streets repaired. Please send a copy to County Legislator Morton.

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\*Recommend filing Notice of Deficient to County Attorney and County Clerk's Office.  
*According to Local Law no.3 of 2004, requiring prior written notice of defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition of any street, highway, bridge, culvert, sidewalk, crosswalk, or highway markings. No action can be taken unless written notice is given to the Erie County Commissioner and there was failure or neglect within a reasonable time after the giving of such notice to repair.*

**UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adjourn. 8:05 pm. Carried.

I respectfully submit,

Sue Galbraith,  
Deputy Village Clerk

